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SOME FACTS YOU MAY NOT KNOW

The Central Intelligence Agency (C.I.A.) will have a recruiter at Tougaloo on Wednesday, October 12, to interview students for jobs. They need educated, able young Negroes. The pay is good; the work is interesting; the patriotic appeal is seemingly great.

But.... The C.I.A. is not, as it claims, a mere secret group for gathering information vital to the country's security.

The Bay of Pigs was not a fact-finding mission. The C.I.A. mounted an invasion, trained the fighters, chose the leaders, set the time, and financed the whole deal.

You might think: "Well, international politics is a tough game; everybody loses a round once in a while, and violence is just one of the tactics."

The C.I.A. goes a lot further. In Burma they had a 12,000-man guerilla force fighting the government, and U.S. Ambassador William Sebald was never told the men were ours. The C.I.A. had arranged a small war against a friendly country and used foreign economic aid money to keep it going. C.I.A. officials are supposed to clear their actions with superiors in the Departments of State and Defense; in major matters, with the President. But they felt that the Burmese government might be getting soft on Communism. Therefore they acted without even consulting the responsible American officials. (The rebellion failed. Burma became very angry at this interference and for years afterward kept its foreign policy close to Red China's. The government changed from a pro-western form of republic to a socialist dictatorship.)

In Guatemala the C.I.A. created a rebellion in 1954. President Arbenz Guzman, the legally elected liberal President of Guatemala, was overthrown and killed, and a fascist dictator, Castillo Armas, replaced him. Armas, whom the C.I.A. had supported and trained, took away the vote, the right to organize unions, and even the right to own land from 70% of his people.

The CIA tried to overthrow the government in Iran and succeeded; tried in Indonesia and failed. Both governments attacked were legal and were theoretically friendly to the U.S.. In Iran the legitimate premier was replaced by a Nazi sympathizer. In Vietnam the C.I.A. has at one time or another supported Diem, the Buddhists, and various successor governments. Even the President didn't know for sure whether the C.I.A. had planned Diem's assassination.

Time after time the C.I.A. has created American policy, has committed our country to the support of dubious leaders, has attacked legitimate governments. It often operates in secrecy, using foundations or even colleges as camouflage; its Vietnam operations were shielded by Michigan State University until after the damage was done. News of its actions doesn't get out for months or years afterward. No democracy can afford such concealment. The people cannot debate, and Congress and the President himself cannot approve, policies and activities they aren't even allowed to hear about.

Intelligent, patriotic Americans are needed to serve the world community of nations and our own society. But not in the C.I.A.. Whatever talents and qualities of yours the C.I.A. is interested in, they can be employed in many other ways that are personally rewarding and socially constructive.

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